

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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Patterned tread strips of uniform shape and dimension are derived from salvaged tire carcass tread strips. The patterned strips are fashioned for producing stacked layers of tread strips. Substantially rectangular shaped raw tread strips salvaged from the tire carcasses have two shorter ends and two longer sides are trimmed to produce narrower tread strips of precisely uniform width between the longer sides. The rectangular raw tread strips are passed longitudinally from one end through a power actuated strip feeder incorporating slicing means operable at designated spacings across their widths and substantially parallel to the opposite longer edges of the tread strips to cut away longitudinal edge strips. Further shaping means operable along the strip lengths introduce apertures and/or indentations in the tread strips.